

What is claimed is:

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5 ~~1. A pneumatic tire provided with a plurality of main grooves extended in a tire circumferential direction on a tread surface, wherein, with regard to a main groove having a groove width narrowed during inflation among said plurality of main grooves, both groove walls are inclined so that the groove width becomes wider toward the groove bottom, and a protrusion dividing the groove space in the tire width direction is provided at the groove bottom.~~

10 2. The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein a height of said protrusion is made equal to or lower than said tread surface, and a height difference between said protrusion and said tread surface is set in a range from 0 to 2 mm.

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15 ~~3. The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein a ratio of the height of said protrusion to the groove depth is set at 0.8 or higher.~~

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20 4. The pneumatic tire according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein said protrusion is divided in the tire width direction.

5. The pneumatic tire according to any one of claims 1 to 3,
20 wherein a rubber composition constituting said protrusion and a rubber composition constituting said tread surface are made different from each other.

6. The pneumatic tire according to any one of claims 1 to 3,
25 wherein said main groove having the groove width narrowed during inflation is a straight groove.